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I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: Yes

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, May 05, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: U of S

Ward: Not Sure

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): University of Saskatchewan

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.2.3 College Drive Bus Rapid Transit (Link) Concept Changes

Comments:

I have attached a letter of support from the University of Saskatchewan. I will be available to answer questions or speak if needed.

Attachments:

- [2025-04-30-CoS-Letter of Support-wording.pdf](#) 142.23 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

May 2, 2025

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the University of Saskatchewan, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the City of Saskatoon for the collaborative efforts on the Link project since 2016. The University of Saskatchewan has been a steadfast supporter of the city's plans for three major reasons: People, Land, and Sustainability.

People: The University of Saskatchewan's campus hosts a daily population exceeding 30,000 individuals, including students, faculty, and staff. Frequent, direct, and efficient public transportation is crucial, particularly for our students, to support our plans for future growth. The development of Link stations along College Drive and Preston Avenue will significantly enhance access to the university and its research facilities.

Land: The University of Saskatchewan's urban lands are strategic assets for teaching and research and represent a vital source of future revenue. Our Vision 2057 land plan identifies approximately 1,000 acres of university land for future development, potentially accommodating up to 40,000 people. The Link project will improve access to these development lands and provide essential transportation options for future residents, workers, and commercial customers.

Sustainability: The university currently maintains around 7,200 parking spaces of all types on campus. Our community, including students, faculty, and staff, has demonstrated a strong commitment to transit, with student UPASS holders being the largest group of transit users. Additionally, the university boasts the largest Eco Pass program for its employees. We have no mandate to increase vehicle parking on campus and are actively targeting reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The Link is seen as a critical transportation alternative as our population grows. Enhanced public transit frequency, speed, and convenience will encourage more people to leave their vehicles at home.

The University of Saskatchewan fully supports the city's two major proposed changes. The first is to change the bus travel direction along College Drive in dedicated lanes between Clarence Avenue and Preston Avenue to match adjacent traffic. The second is to replace the pedestrian overpass on College Drive between Campus Drive and Cumberland Avenue with an at-grade crossing. These proposed changes will continue to benefit people, support the university's land use plans, and reduce environmental impact. They will also ensure that the Link complements other modes of transportation, which is essential for a growing, modern university in a contemporary urban setting.

Thank you for your attention to this project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Saskatoon to achieve these shared goals.

Sincerely,



Wade Epp
Associate Vice-President,
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Patti McDougall
Deputy Provost